

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8, 11-16, 19-26, 28, and 29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) A tripe cleaning apparatus adapted to wash and refine a quantity of tripe, the apparatus comprising:

a vessel with a wall defining an inner chamber, wherein the chamber is adapted to contain the quantity of tripe,

the vessel further including a washing fluid inlet pipe nozzle, a refining fluid inlet pipe nozzle, and a cold water inlet pipe nozzle, wherein each nozzle is adapted to connect the chamber with an external water source;

a circular disc housed within the chamber and rotatable in a clockwise direction and in a counter-clockwise direction, the disc including an upper surface and a plurality of disc projections projecting from the upper surface,

each of the disc projections presenting a radially oriented longitudinal axis, a substantially smooth washing surface, and a gritted refining surface,

the washing surface sloping upward from the upper surface of the disc to the axis along the clockwise direction,

the gritted refining surface longitudinally opposite the washing surface and sloping upward from the upper surface of the disc to the axis along the counter-clockwise direction;

a motor connected to the disc for selectively rotating the disc in the clockwise direction and in the counter-clockwise direction;

a switch connected to the motor and switchable between a first position, wherein the motor rotates the disc in the clockwise direction, and a second position, wherein the motor rotates the disc in the counter-clockwise direction;

a plurality of baffles coupled to the wall of the vessel, spaced above the disc, and radially protruding inwardly from the wall,

each of said baffles including a substantially smooth concave washing surface sloping away from the inner wall along the counter-clockwise direction, and a gritted concave refining surface longitudinally opposite the washing surface sloping away from the wall along the clockwise direction.

31. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in claim 30, the disc projections being removably connected to the upper surface of the disc.

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32. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in claim 30, the baffles radially protruding inwardly and downwardly from the wall.

33-55. (Canceled)